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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Yanks Find Jap Cities in Ruins; Global War's Cost Tops Trillion; Congress Faces Busy Session

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Aerial survey by U. S. naval planes discloses extensive bomb damage in downtown Tokyo, with only modern fireproof structures surviving hair-raising raids.

JAPAN: Sad Sight

Pouring into Japan for occupation duties, U. S. troops saw the devastating effects of the American aerial war all about in the larger industrial areas. Emphasizing the ruin of Japan's great urban centers, Air Force Commanders Le May, Doolittle and Twining declared bomb damage even surpassed their own estimates, with the Nipponese making no effort to repair the wreckage like the Germans did.

Whereas reconnaissance led the air force to believe 60 per cent of the aircraft assembly plant on the east side of the river at Nagoya was wiped out, an inspection showed that nothing at all was left. And whereas the celebrated Mitsubishi plant in the same city was estimated to be 95 per cent destroyed, it was found totally ruined, with only the steel framework remaining.

While damage at Nagoya was typical of the destruction at Tokyo, Yokohama, Shizuoka, Kobe and other cities, with the inflammable wooden

degree and 1,190 blinded in one or both eyes.

Spending \$287,000,000,000 from the beginning of the rearmament program in 1940, the U. S. put 1,500 fighting ships and 100,000 auxiliary vessels to sea, built over 223,000 airplanes, and produced in excess of 119,000 tanks and armored cars; 1,000,000 artillery pieces; 18,000,000 small arms; 180,000 tractors, bulldozers and construction equipment, and 2,400,000 trucks, not to mention other items.

Against U. S. costs, Germany spent \$290,000,000,000; Russia, \$136,000,000,000; Italy, \$95,000,000,000; Great Britain, \$64,000,000,000; Japan, \$49,000,000,000; France, \$13,000,000,000; and Canada, \$7,000,000,000.

CONGRESS: Back to Work

Their vacations cut short a month by V-J Day, congressmen and senators hustled back to Washington, D. C., for a resumption of business with the working calendar loaded with important domestic, foreign and military matters.

Of a dozen top-flight issues, the question of court-martials or a congressional investigation of the Pearl Harbor debacle of December 7, 1941, promises to become the hottest, with Democrats and Republicans alike seeking an exposure of all the facts upon which army and navy boards based recent reports fixing the blame for the disaster.

While the question of clarifying the responsibility for Pearl Harbor promised the most exciting fireworks, other important issues pending include:

Overhauling of the tax structure, with probable reductions in individual and corporate levies; extension of the draft for youth 18 to 25; termination of executive wartime emergency powers; OPA reconversion pricing; reorganization of the executive branch of the government as proposed by President Truman, and passage of the bill entrusting the government to plan for full employment.

Other important issues include increased unemployment compensation payments up to \$25 weekly for 26 weeks for discharged workers; size of the postwar army and navy, with the former calling for 1,500,000 men and the latter 550,000; disposal of \$100,000,000,000 of surplus property without disturbing the postwar business structure, and final settlement of the huge \$42,000,000,000 lend-lease debt, which President Truman asked be cancelled.

VETS: Job Rights

The long smouldering battle over veterans' job rights promises to come to a head when congress acts on a bill of Representative Knutson (R., Minn.) giving G.I.s seniority credit for time spent in the service in applying for old and new positions.

Supported by both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, with their mounting membership of over 3,000,000, the measure is being backed by the AFL and CIO, with their 15,300,000 workers.

Nub of the bill lies in the provision permitting veterans to use service seniority in obtaining new positions. While both the AFL and CIO have recognized the G.I.s right to assert his service seniority in getting his old job back, they oppose any move to give him preference in plants where he has not worked before.

DEMOBILIZATION: Speed Discharges

In order to meet its avowed goal of releasing five million men within a year of V-J Day, the army announced revision of its discharge rules.

The point score necessary for release was lowered from 85 to 80, with personnel permitted to count up to date rather than merely up to V-E Day, as previously provided. G.I.s 35 years of age or older, with a minimum of two years of service, now become eligible for discharge upon application.

Availability of transport will continue to govern rate of discharges, the army related, though all vacant space aboard both ships and planes will be utilized to return overseas personnel.

AGRICULTURE: World Parley

Most pressing international food and farm problems will receive major attention from delegates when the Allied nations meet to establish their food and agricultural organization (FAO) in Canada October 16.

Born at the international food conference in Hot Springs, Va., in 1943, the solely advisory FAO has as its objectives:

- 1. Improvement in efficiency in the production and distribution of all food and agricultural products. 2. Raising levels of nutrition and standards of living. 3. Betterment of the conditions of rural populations.

Before the FAO can develop a comprehensive program, however, the U. S. state and war departments and the foreign economic administration are formulating immediate measures to help relieve the serious food crisis in Europe.

TAX MODERNIZATION

Though taxes will remain heavy to support a prospective 25 billion dollar a year federal budget, modernization of the whole tax structure is necessary for the achievement and maintenance of full employment, Secretary of the Treasury Vinson declared.



In calling for an overhauling of the tax machinery, Vinson averred that any sound tax program must permit profitable investment to stimulate employment, and only a minimum encumbrance on the workers' pocketbook to allow him to buy industry's products.

Vinson's tax declarations followed earlier congressional reports that individual rates may be slashed 20 per cent in the forthcoming revenue bill. Business would be provided with relief by repeal of the excess profits tax.

RECONVERSION: Running Well

Free from wartime encumbrances, and meeting no unforeseen difficulties, American industry continues to reconverge at top speed, with Chairman Krug of the War Production board predicting that the rate of dollar output would be 12 per cent higher by the end of this year than in the normal prewar period of 1939-41.

By next June, Krug said, the production rate will have soared to 187 per cent of normal, with employment 33 per cent over the 1939-41 mark. One of the pace-setters of modern American production, the automobile industry figures to be turning out over 504,000 passenger cars per month by then.

Indicative of the ambitious production programs of industry as a whole, manufacturers expect to be putting out 2,177 electric appliance units per month by next June compared with the prewar rate of 1,440; 495,000 washers and irons against 186,000, and 474,000 refrigerators against 316,000.

NATIONAL BANKS: Boost Assets

Boasting of total assets of nearly \$2 billion dollars as of June 30, 5,021 national banks stand in an extremely strong position to help finance the nation's rapid shift to a peace-time economy.

A breakdown of assets showed deposits of 77 billion dollars; holdings in government obligations of over 47 billion dollars; unimpaired capital stock of over 1 1/2 billion dollars; surplus, undivided profits and reserves of over 1 1/2 billion dollars. At the same time, the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation, government agency set up to protect depositors, indicated the general strength of the banking industry by reporting that no insured institutions have gone into receivership since May, 1944.

YANK SINKINGS: Total Small

Four thousand, six hundred and twelve American soldiers lost their lives at sea in World War II, with total embarrasments to all theaters — in actions against both the Germans and the Japs — numbering 6,753,261 troops through the end of July, 1945.

Of the total, 1,066 went down in the Pacific, the war department's review of the troop sinkings revealed.

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Lesson for September 16

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JUDAH'S CONCERN FOR HIS FAMILY

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 44:19-34. GOLDEN TEXT—How shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me?—Genesis 44:34.

The family is the fundamental unit of society, and is therefore of more importance than the church, the state, or the social order of which it is a vital part. Every force which encourages the breakdown of the sacred relationships of the home and family is set for the destruction of society itself.

Men have too often chosen to go the way of the flesh, and therefore they have disregarded God's plan and purpose. But the home is just as sacred as ever in His sight, and brotherly love still finds a high place among the virtues of real men.

The family comes before us as we continue the study of Joseph's life. As we study it we bear in mind Joseph's dealings with his brethren, who as yet did not recognize him as the one they had sold into captivity. He was bringing them kindly but definitely to the point of real repentance, so that he could show himself gracious to them.

To do so he had brought disaster upon them. Being happily on their way homeward with a new supply of food, they were overtaken and proved to be thieves, and Benjamin, the beloved of their father Jacob, stood condemned to death by their own words.

In that crisis the mouths of the others seemed closed, but Judah, who had really saved Joseph's life (Gen. 37:26, 27), and who had apparently finally come to himself as a man of essential goodness, pleaded for Benjamin's life.

That plea presented a truly sacrificial brotherly love, as he manifested.

I. Courage (v. 18). Easy rests the yoke of family life as long as all is joyful and prosperous. But when adversity strikes, when sorrow comes, or sickness, or sin, then the true test of devotion is at hand.

It was a brave and manly thing for Judah to stand before the one whom he knew only as the man who was "even as Pharaoh." The circumstances were all against him. He expected the flaming anger of the offended ruler. His brethren had collapsed in despair. It was one of those dark hours which come to every family when someone must demonstrate true love by being strong-hearted and fearless.

II. Intelligence (vv. 19-29). We have become so accustomed to accomplishing things by the use of words that we are in danger of substituting speech for action. Even in times of sorrow or need we send a well-worded card or telegram, and regard our mission as accomplished.

Words have their place, but there comes a time when they must be coupled with intelligent action. Crises call for more than a cheerful smile or an encouraging word, much as they may mean in such an hour. We must be prepared by our close contact with our loved ones to speak and act with vigor and assurance.

III. Self-denial (vv. 30-33). One step deeper goes the devotion of this man to his father and his brother. He had done no wrong that merited punishment, but evidently his brother Benjamin had been guilty. Had he been of the spirit of Cain he would have said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" and let him answer for himself. Why should Judah suffer for another? Why should he allow himself to be imprisoned in a strange land to save his father from sorrow and his brother from what seemed to be the just reward for his deeds?

Thus reasons the man of the world, but such is not the language of the true brother. He says, "Let thy servant abide instead of the lad as a bondman." Well and courageously spoken!

IV. Love (v. 34). Love for father and brother underlies all of the courage, conviction and self-sacrifice of a man like Judah. In his younger years, and possibly under the influence of his brothers, he had fallen in that respect, but now his real devotion to his brother was evident.

That affection was a real, powerful and beautiful thing, and yet it is but a faint prefiguring of the affection of the One who "sticketh closer than a brother," who "though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (Prov. 18:24, II Cor. 8:9).

Let us improve the opportunity to review our relations with our own family, to determine whether there is aught that we in intelligent and courageous self-sacrifice should do for our own. Concern for family will pay rich dividends, especially in these days of broken homes and disturbed personal relationships. Love will do more than anything else to hold us together.

RATIONING GUIDE

(NOTE: The Raleigh District Office of Price Administration compiles this thumbnail ration guide from official sources each week for the Duplin Times as a public service feature.)

RATION CALENDAR

- MEATS & FATS: A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, now valid, expire Oct. 31. F1, G1, H1, J1, K1, now valid, expire Nov. 30. August 31. V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2, expire on Sept. 30. Q2, R2, S2, T2, U2, now valid expire August 31. SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 36 expires Aug. 31. SHOES: Airplane stamps No. 1, and No. 2, 3, and 4 now valid. POINT VALUES: No. 2 cans of Spinach, green or wax Beans, and Asparagus are 10 points. No. 2 cans Corn and Peas are 20 points. Butter now 24 points.

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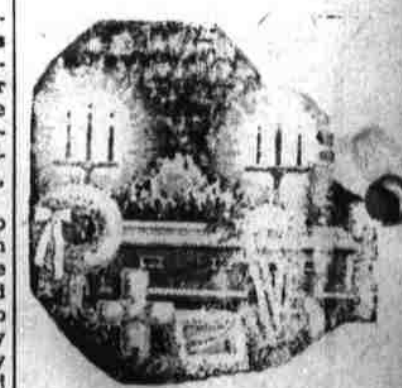


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Atom Likely Source of Heat The most probable utilization of nuclear energy, the basis for the atomic bomb, is as a source of heat, according to engineering and research heads. Concerning the possible use of nuclear energy as a source of power to heat and light homes and buildings, operate factories, propel ships, locomotives, airplanes and automobiles, scientists predicted that several prospective uses of nuclear energy will become technically possible, but that it is too early to predict whether such uses will be economically practical. In stating that the most probable utilization of nuclear energy is as a source of heat, scientists said that such heat in turn may produce steam or hot gases for use in power generating. ing again according to an announcement by OPA, and they will return to the counters at prices in line with existing ceiling prices for comparable pillows, they declared.

PLEASANT DREAMS Pillows and innercasings filled with new goose and duck feathers and down, long-scarce on the civilian market, will soon be appearing again according to an announcement by OPA, and they will return to the counters at prices in line with existing ceiling prices for comparable pillows, they declared.